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On behalf of your American Baptist sisters and brothers in Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas who are the American Baptist

Churches of the Central Region, welcome to Overland Park and Mission Summit 2013. Hosting this year's gathering of our American Baptist family and friends is an incredible privilege and pleasure. While Dorothy may have discovered "there's no place like home," we hope you'll discover there's no place like America's heartland for this gathering of God's people and this celebration of Christ's mission. Welcome! We're glad you're here!

**John S. Williams**, Executive  
Minister, American Baptist  
Churches of the Central Region



Welcome to Overland Park! With a sense of standing on tiptoe on holy ground, I welcome American Baptists to the Mission

Summit/Biennial in Overland Park. Building on the experiences we shared in Puerto Rico, we will engage in conversations about the issues that we face individually and corporately, building the agenda for the future as we allow God to transform us by the Spirit. Together we will worship, commemorate significant historical events, and celebrate where God is moving us to be God's hands and feet in our neighborhood and around the world.

Come prayerfully...leave transformed for mission!

**Ruth Clark**, President,  
American Baptist Churches USA



Welcome to the 2013 Mission Summit/Biennial. Each night will inspire as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the

signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 200th of the landing of the Judsons in Burma and the 375th of the founding of the First Baptist Church in America in Providence, Rhode Island.

Our time together will...challenge us as we explore together critical questions about the shape of ministry and mission today in Mission Summit Conversations;...inform us at a variety of meal events sponsored by our mission agencies and partners;...bless us as we worship, meet dear friends, and leave empowered for service.

Welcome to Mission Summit 2013!

**A. Roy Medley**, General Secretary,  
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လောသုဒ္ဓိပုဂံဝံ မုဉ်ခွါလောအမဲရကလာၣ်ထံလောခဲခဉ်အိဉ်ချဉ်ဟိဉ်မးဒီးအဉ်ခဉ်ခဉ်အခဉ်စး လောမုဉ်အမဲရကလာၣ်ထံဉ်တၢ်အိဉ်ဖျိဉ်တဖဉ် လောဟိဉ်ကစီၤခဉ်သးအပူၤ တၢ်လိာ်မုဉ်သုလော အိးဖးလဲကရၢၢ်လောတၢ်သးသးခုကစီဉ်အလီၢ်ထီဉ်ထီဖိ ၂၀၁၃ နီဉ်အံၤန့ဉ်လီၤ လောတၢ် တၢ်လိာ်ဘဉ်တနီဉ်အံၤတၢ်ပာ်ဖျိဉ်ထီဉ်သးလောအမုဉ်အမဲရကလာၣ်ထံဟံဉ်ဖိဃီဖိ ဒီးတံၤသကိးတဖဉ် မုဉ်တၢ်ခွဲးတၢ်ယာ်လီၤဆီလောတဲ တသုဘဉ်ဒီးမုဉ်တၢ်မုဉ်မးမုဉ်သးဒိဉ်မးန့ဉ်လီၤမဲအဖါမုဉ်ဖိ ဒီးရသံဉ် ထံဉ်ဘဉ်ဝဲလော တၢ်လီၢ်လောအမုဉ်ဒ်သီးဟံဉ်န့ဉ်တအိဉ်ဘဉ်အသီး ပမုဉ်လၢလောတၢ်လီၢ်လောအတမုဉ်ဒ် သီးအမဲရကလာၣ်အကိာ်လောအအိဉ်ဝဲလောယွၤအပူၤကလုာ် တဖဉ်ပာ်ဖျိဉ်ထီဉ်အသး ဒီးလောတၢ်မလၢ ကပိၤခရ်အတၢ်သးခုကစီဉ်အံၤန့ဉ်လီၤ မုဉ်တၢ်တၢ်လိာ်မုဉ်သု ပသးခုလၢနဟဲမဲအံၤန့ဉ်လီၤ

**John S. Williams, Executive Minister,  
American Baptist Churches of the Central Region**



တၢ်တၢ်လိာ်မုဉ်လောအိးဖလဲကရၢၢ် လောတၢ်ဆၢထၢလၢလီၢ်စီဆွံလၢအအိဉ်ဒီးတၢ်သ့ဉ်ညါ၊ ယတၢ်လိာ်မုဉ်အမဲရကလာၣ်ထံတဖဉ် လောတၢ်သးခုကစီဉ်အလီၢ်ထီဉ်ထီ တၢ်အိဉ်ဖျိဉ်မဲအိးဖလဲကရၢၢ်အံၤန့ဉ်လီၤ လောတၢ်သ့ဉ်ထီဉ်တၢ်လဲၤခိၣ်တဖဉ်လၢပနီၤလီၤသကိးလၢ **Puerto Rico**, ပကကတိၤ သကိးဘဉ်ယးတၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တဖဉ်လၢပဝဲတကလာၣ်တစၢပထံဉ်ဘဉ်ဒီးမလၢကိးအီၤ သ့ဉ်ထီဉ်ပာ်လီၤတၢ်ရဲဉ်တၢ်ကျဲၤလၢဆူညါဒ်ပပျဲအဉ် လီၤတၢ်လိာ်ယွၤလၢကမၤသီထီဉ်ကျဲၤပူၤလၢသးစီဆွံန့ဉ်လီၤ ပကဘျဉ်ထီဉ်တၢ်ထီဉ်ယွၤတပူၤယီၤ မလၢကပိၤတၢ်ခံဉ်ခိၣ်တဖဉ်အနီၤဒိဉ်နီၤ ထီအံၤဒီးမလၢကပိၤမဲတၢ်လီၢ်မဲယွၤကဆၢ ပူၤလၢပကမုဉ်အစု ဒီးအခိဉ်လၢပလီၢ်အိဉ်လီၢ်ဆိးကပိာ်ယ ဒီးလၢဟိဉ်ခိဉ်ဒီးဖျဉ်န့ဉ်လီၤ

**Come prayerfully...leave transformed for mission!**

**Ruth Clark, President,  
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ဆုခဉ်စးဒီးပူၤလၢအထီဉ်ဒိကနီၤသးတဖဉ် တၢ်လိာ်မုဉ်ဘဉ်သုလောတၢ်သးခုကစီဉ်အလီၢ်ထီဉ်ထီတၢ်အိဉ်ဖျိဉ်အံၤန့ဉ်လီၤ ကိးမုဉ်နဒီးအံၤကဒုးနီၤဟံၤပူၤဒ်ပမလၢကပိၤအနီဉ်ဝၣ် ဆၢကုၤလၢတၢ်ဘိးဘဉ်ရၢလီၤလၢတၢ်သးဝံဉ်ထီဉ်လၢတၢ်သဘျု၊ ဆၢကုၤအနီဉ် ၂၀၀ လၢယုၤအသ့အတၢ်လဲၤတုၤဆူကိာ်ပယီၤ ဒီးအသ နီဉ်၃၅၅ လၢတၢ်ဒုးအိဉ်ထီဉ်ဘျု၊ ထံးစံးခိဉ်ထံးတၢ်အိဉ်ဖျိဉ်လၢအမဲရကလာၣ်ယွၤအတၢ်အံၤထွဲကွၢ်ထွဲမဲ ရီၤအါလဲအပူၤန့ဉ်လီၤ

လၢပတၢ်ဆၢကတိၤပပူၤယီၤအံၤန့ဉ်

–မုဉ်တၢ်လၢအတၢ်တၢ်ဒီးပူၤယကွၢ်ဆၢဉ်မဲသကိးတၢ်သံကွၢ်ကိကိခဲတၢ်လၢအဘဉ်ယး ဒီးတၢ်သးခုကစီဉ်အကုၢ်ဂီၤ ဒီးမုဉ်မဆါတနီၤ အံၤတၢ်သးခုကစီဉ်အလီၢ်ထီဉ်ထီတၢ်စံးကတိၤအိးတဖဉ်န့ဉ်လီၤ

–ကဒုးသ့ဉ်ညါပူၤဘဉ်ယးတၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်အိအကလုာ်ဒီးအကတိၤတဖဉ် လၢအဘဉ်တၢ်ဆိဉ်ထွဲအိတၢ်သးခုကစီဉ်ပူၤတၢ်ခဉ်စး ဒီးပူၤမလၢသကိးတၢ်တဖဉ်

–ကဘျဉ်ဆိဉ်ဂုမဲပဘျဉ်သကိးဘါသကိး၊ ထံဉ်လိာ်ဘဉ်သးဒီးတံၤသကိးဖဉ် ဒီး မဲပဟးထီဉ်လၢမဲအံၤကမုဉ်တၢ်ကဲထီဉ်တၢ်ဂံၢ်တၢ် ဘါလၢမူဒါတၢ်မအပူၤန့ဉ်လီၤ

**Welcome to Mission Summit 2013!**

**A. Roy Medley, General Secretary,  
American Baptist Churches USA**



# Mission Summit/Biennial 2013 in kan in don hna!



Kansas, Oklahoma  
le Arkansas i a  
ummi American  
Baptist Churches  
of the Central  
Region in nan unau  
American Baptist  
pawl nih Overland

Park le Mission Summit 2013 i a rak  
ra khomi nan zate nan kut kan in  
tlaih hna. Tukum American Baptist  
chungkhar le hawikom vialte i pumh-  
khawmhna a bultawltu inntek kan  
si hi caan sunglawi tuk ngei kho ah  
kan i ruat i kan i lawm tuk hring-  
hran. “Dorothy” bia ah, “chungkhar  
khuasaknak inn (home) bantuk cu  
khoika hmanh ah a um kho lo,” a rak  
ti ko nain, America ram hmun laili ah  
atu bantuk Pathian mi hna i pumh-  
khawmhna le Khrih rian tuannak  
kong caan hmannak sunglawi bantuk  
phun hi hmun dang khoika hmanh ah  
hmuh khawh a si lai lo, nan ti cio ko  
lai tiah kan ruah ko. Kan in don hna!  
Nan rak chuak kho i kan i lawm!

**John S. Williams,**  
Executive Minister,  
American Baptist Churches of  
the Central Region



Overland Park in  
kan in don hna!  
Hmun thiang ah  
dirdihlik i a dirmi  
bantuk ah kaa  
ruat i, Overland  
Park i tuahmi  
Mission Summit/

Biennial Civui ah a rak chuak  
khomi American Baptists vialte  
kan in don hna, ti chim ka duh.  
Puerto Rico i kan hmuhton cang  
mi kan i zohchun i, tutan ah hin  
pumpak in le a bu in harsatnak kan  
tonmi tete kong biaruahnak ngeih  
i Thlarau hruainak in Pathian nih  
zeitin dah thlen a kan duh, ti zoh  
i hmaile riantuannak ca agenda  
pawl ser ding kan si lai. Kan zate  
Pathian kan thangthat ti lai, kan  
tuanbia i a cangmi pawl ruah nolh  
le hngalhthannak tehna, Pathian  
nih kan innpa kan chakthlang le  
vawilei khuazakip ca i A kut A ke  
si ding A kan duh kong tehna kan  
chimrel ti hna lai.  
Thlacamnak he nan rak chuak hna  
i ...mission thinlung ngei lak i nan i  
thlen bu in tlung cio te u!

**Ruth Clark,**  
President,  
American Baptist Churches USA



Dawtmi Aiawhtu  
le Mileng  
vialte hna,  
2013 Mission  
Summit/Biennial  
in kan in don  
hna. Tutan ah  
hin Sal Luatter

Thawngthanhnak Ca min an rat  
thut kum 150-nak, Judson te nupa  
Burma an rak phak kum 200-nak,  
Rhode Island i Providence khua ah  
America ram i Baptist Khrihfabu  
Hmasa Bik a rak dir kum 275-nak  
campha hmannak zan fatin te kan  
ngei lai i, cu nih cun nan thinlung  
dih-umnak in a lak dih te lai.  
Kan caan kan hman ti ding mi ah  
hin  
... Mission Summit Biaruahnak  
timi kan ngei lai i nihinni i kan  
riantuannak le a ram kauhnak rian  
kan tuannak hi zeiti pungsan in  
dah kan kalpi lai timi biahlnak  
kan i ruahceih hna lai i, cu cu a  
kan zuamcawhtu a si lai;  
...mission lei i riantuantu bu pawl  
le hawikom pawl nih an tuahmi  
raw-ei caan hmannak nih hngalh  
awk tam ngai a kan hngalhter lai.  
...Pathian kan thangthat ti lai,  
hawikom dawt he kan i hmutong  
lai, rian sunglawi ca ah thazang  
thar kan la lai i, cu cu kan thlua-  
chuah a si lai.  
Mission Summit 2013 in kan in  
don hna!

**A. Roy Medley,**  
General Secretary,  
American Baptist Churches USA

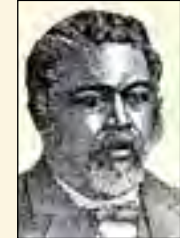


# Taste and see that the Lord is good! Psalm 34:8

by Reid S. Trulson

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In 1782, George and Hannah Liele sailed to Jamaica. They had embraced the cause of Jesus Christ and were committed to proclaiming the liberating gospel to those who were enslaved in Jamaica, just as they themselves had been enslaved in the United States. The Lieleles pioneered as



George Liele

volunteer American Baptist foreign missionaries with no sustaining support from America. Thirty-one years after the Lieleles had begun their work in Jamaica, Adoniram and Ann Judson arrived in Burma in 1813. Like the Lieleles, the Judsons dedicated their lives to making God's love and salvation known. God worked through their mission service to transform people both in Burma and in the United States.

In fact, the Spirit challenged our American Baptist forebears to inno-



Adoniram and Ann Judson



vate through the missionary work of Ann and Adoniram. In response, they organized on a national basis for the first time by forming "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Mission."

That mission agency, today known as American Baptist International Ministries (IM), named the Judsons as their first appointed missionaries. The organization enabled American Baptists to participate meaningfully in mission by supporting the Judsons, sending new missionaries, and gaining deeper insights about mission at home by seeing God at work among their brothers and sisters in Burma.

The Judsons' ministry also led our forebears to adapt in other ways – in their understandings of Scripture, their fellowship in and between their local

churches, and their experience of being part of the global body of Christ. Years later, mission leaders were not exaggerating when they observed that they and the American Baptists before them had been engaged in "a great experiment."

At this historic 2013 Mission Summit/Biennial, the Holy Spirit is calling us again to embrace the cause of Christ. To see God at work in and around us. To adapt in order to faithfully serve as hands and feet of Jesus in God's work of changing the world through the power of the Spirit.

What words of wisdom would the Judsons and Lieleles have for us today? Surely they would remind us that Scripture still calls us to "taste (experiment) and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8)

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## လုပ်ကွင်းစီး ထံလံယွာမုတ်တဂ်ဂုနုတကွ်. (စံးထီၣ်ပတြာ ၃၄:၈)

မဲ ၁၇၈၂ နံၣ်န့ၣ် George and Hannah Liele (ကွီးကွဲး ဦး ယဲနုၣ် လံၣ်ယဲလ်) လဲၤလၢကတိၤဆူ Jamaica (ကုမုတၢ်ကီၢ်) လီၤ. အဝဲသ့ၣ် တွၢ်လိာ်ယံးန့ၣ်ဖီၣ်ယၢ် ကစၢ်ခရံၣ်အတၢ်မၤတဖၣ် ဦး မုၢ်ပုၤဟ့ၣ်လီၤအသး လၢကရၢလီၤတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ် လၢပုၤဘၣ်တၢ်မၤကဲကွၢ်သ့ၣ်တဖၣ် လၢ အအိၣ်လၢ ကီၢ် Jamaica အကျါ န့ၣ်လီၤ. အဝဲသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်မုၢ်တုၢ်ဝဲ ပုၤတဖၣ် လၢအဘၣ်တၢ်မၤကဲကွၢ်အီၤလၢ ကီၢ်အမဲရံၣ်ကၤန့ၣ်လီၤ. George and Hannah Liele မုၢ်ပုၤအဆိကတၢ်လၢ အကဲထီၣ် "အမဲရံၣ်ကၤဘျၢထံ ပုၤစီၣ်တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်မုၢ်သးမၤကလီၤ လၢတခီထံတခီကီၢ်" လၢအတၢ်ခိးန့ၣ်ဘၣ်ဝဲ တၢ်မၤစၢၤဆီၣ်ထွဲ လၢကီၢ်အမဲရံၣ်ကၤ န့ၣ်လီၤ.

အဝဲသ့ၣ်စးထီၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤတၢ်မၤလီၤခံ ၃၁ နံၣ်, မဲ ၁၈၁၃ နံၣ်န့ၣ် Adoniram and Ann Judson (သရၣ်ဦးမးမးယုၤဒၢသ့ၣ်) ဟဲတုၤဝဲဒၣ် ဆူကီၢ်ပယီၤ န့ၣ်လီၤ. ဝံသီး သရၣ်ဦးမးမး Liele အသီး, သရၣ်ဦးမးမးယုၤဒၢသ့ၣ် ဟ့ၣ်လီၤအသးဝံသီးကစၢ်ရၢလီၤဘီးဘၣ်သ့ၣ်ညါ ယွၤတတၢ်အိၣ် ဦးအတၢ်တုၢ်က့ၤခိၣ်က့ၤအတၢ်တဖၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. ကစၢ်ယွၤမၤတၢ် ခီဖျါအဝဲသ့ၣ်အတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤဒီး ခုးလဲလိာ်က့ၤပုၤတဖၣ်အသး လၢ ကီၢ်ပယီၤအပူၤ ဒီး ကီၢ်အမဲရံၣ်ကၤအပူၤ ခုၢ်ကီးန့ၣ်လီၤ.

နီၢ်နီၢ်တခီ, သးစီဆူ တၢ်ဝဲ အမဲရံၣ်ကၤပုၤမၤတၢ်လၢညါတဖၣ် လၢကစၢ်အိၣ်ထီၣ်တၢ်မၤအသီတဖၣ် ခီဖျါ သရၣ်ဦးမးမး ယုၤဒၢသ့ၣ် အတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤန့ၣ်လီၤ. လၢတၢ်န့ၣ်အယိ လၢ ထံလိာ်ကီၢ်အပူၤအဝဲသ့ၣ်ခုးအိၣ်ထီၣ်ဝဲဒၣ် တၢ်ကရၢကရိအဆိကတၢ်လၢအမုၢ် "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Mission" (ကီၢ်အမဲရံၣ်ကၤဘျၢထံခရံၣ်မိ တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤ ခဝုရှၢ်ခိၣ်ကျါလၢထံတုၤကီၢ်ဂၤအတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အဝီၢ်) န့ၣ်လီၤ.

တၢ်ကရၢကရိ လၢအဘၣ်တၢ်သ့ၣ်ညါအီၤလၢမုၢ်မဆိတနုၤအံၤအမုၢ်ဝဲဒၣ် "American Baptist International Ministries – IM" (ကီၢ်အမဲရံၣ်ကၤဘျၢထံတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်လၢဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဒီးဘၣ်ညါကရၢ) ပၣ်ပနီၣ်ဝဲ သရၣ်ဦးမးမးယုၤဒၢသ့ၣ် လၢပုၤစီၣ် တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ် လၢဘၣ်တၢ်ဟ့ၣ်အီၤမုၢ်အဆိကတၢ် လၢတၢ်ကရၢကရိအဝဲအံၤ န့ၣ်လီၤ. တၢ်ကရၢကရိအံၤ သးကွဲးဝဲ ဝံသီးအမဲရံၣ်ကၤဘျၢထံအပူၤတဖၣ် ကမၤသကီးဘၣ်တၢ်လၢတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤအပူၤ, ခီဖျါ အဆီၣ်ထွဲဝဲဒၣ် သရၣ်ဦးမးမးယုၤဒၢသ့ၣ် လၢအတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤ, အဆူလီၤဝဲစ့ၢ်ကီး ပုၤစီၣ်တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ် အသီတဖၣ်, ဦး အသ့ၣ်ညါနုၢ်ပၢ်အါထီၣ်ဘၣ်တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤလီၤဆီၣ်တၢ် လၢအဘၣ်ယးဒီးယွၤအတၢ်မၤ လၢဒီပုၤဝဲဒၣ်သ့ၣ်တဖၣ် လၢအအိၣ် လၢကီၢ်ပယီၤ အပူၤ န့ၣ်လီၤ.

ယုၤဒၢသ့ၣ်တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤန့ၣ်လိာ်စ့ၢ်ကီးကျဲးအကၤသ့ၣ်တဖၣ် ခီဖျါလၢ အတၢ်နုၢ်ပၢ် ယွၤအကလုာ်ကထိ, အတၢ်ဆူလိာ်မုၢ်လိာ် လၢ လီၤကတိၤပုၤတၢ်အိၣ်ဖျိၣ်တဖၣ်အဘၣ်စၢၤ, ဒီး အတၢ်လဲၤခီဖျါလၢအမုၢ်ဝဲ တၢ်ဘၣ်ထွဲဒီး ဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဒီးဘၣ်ခရံၣ်အတၢ်အိၣ်ဖျိၣ်အနီၢ်မိ အယိ န့ၣ်လီၤ. အနီၣ်တဖၣ်လဲၤပုၤကွဲးဝဲ, တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်ခိၣ်နုၢ်တဖၣ် ထံၣ်ဝဲ လၢ သရၣ်ဦးမးမးယုၤဒၢသ့ၣ် ဒီး အမဲရံၣ်ကၤဘျၢထံကရၢ ကဲထီၣ်ဝဲ "တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်တၢ်မၤကွၢ်ဖးဒိၣ်အဆိလၢ ဒုးကဲထီၣ် တၢ်မၤလိာ်အိၣ် အယိာ်" လီၤ. တၢ်လၢအဝဲသ့ၣ်ထံၣ်ဒီးစံးဝဲန့ၣ် တမုၢ်ဝဲတၢ်တဲၤတြီတၢ်ဘၣ် ဒီး မုၢ်ဝဲ တၢ်မုၢ်တၢ်တီ သပုၢ်ကတၢ် န့ၣ်လီၤ.

မဲ ၂၀၁၃ ခံန့ၣ်တဘျီ တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ် ခိၣ်နုၢ်စိရီၤ တၢ်အိၣ်ဖျိၣ် လၢ အကါခိၣ်လၢ တၢ်စံၣ်စိတဲၤတဲၤ တဘျီအံၤ, သးစီဆူ ကီးပုၤ ဝံသီးပကတုၢ်လိာ်ခရံၣ်အတၢ်ဖဲတၢ်မၤလၢ သ့ၣ်ဒီးဖျါသးဒီးဖျါ, ဝံသီး ပကထံၣ်ဘၣ် ယွၤအတၢ်မၤဂ့ၤသ့ၣ်တဖၣ် လၢပပုၤ ဒီးလၢအအိၣ်ဝဲတဲၤန့ၣ်ပုၤ, ဝံသီးပကဆိတလဲၤမၤဂ့ၤထီၣ် ပတၢ်မၤယွၤအတၢ် ဝံခရံၣ်အဝဲ ဒီး အခိၣ်တဖၣ် ဒီး လဲလိာ်က့ၤပုၤခိၣ်ခိၣ် ခီဖျါသးစီဆူအစိကစီၣ် အကီၢ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. မုၢ်မဆိတနုၤအံၤ တၢ်ကွၢ်သ့ အတၢ်ကတိၤ လၢသရၣ်ဦးမးမးယုၤဒၢသ့ၣ်, ဒီး သရၣ်ဦးမးမး Liele ကမုၢ်ဝဲ မနုၤတဖၣ် လဲၣ်. လီၤတၢ်လၢ အဝဲသ့ၣ်ကစၢ်သ့ၣ်နီၣ်ပုၤလၢ ယွၤအကလုာ်ကထိ ကီးပုၤအစၢမုၢ်ဝံသီး "ပကလုာ်ကွၢ် (မၤကွၢ်) ဒီး ထံၣ်လၢယွၤန့ၣ် ဂ့ၤလီၤ." (စံးထီၣ်ပတြာ ၃၄:၈)

The Rev. Reid S. Trulson (သရၣ်ဦးဦးကထၣ် မုၢ်စံး အဲၤစံး ထၢစူလံၣ်ရၣ်နီၣ်) မုၢ်ဝဲ ပုၤန့ၣ်တၢ်ခိၣ်ကွၢ် လၢ အမဲရံၣ်ကၤဘျၢထံ ထီၣ်ခိၣ်ဘီမုၢ် တၢ်ခုတၢ်ပုၤအတၢ်မၤကရၢ (American Baptist International Ministries - IM) လီၤ. အဝဲမၤတုၢ်တၢ်ဖဲ အမဲရံၣ်ကၤဘျၢထံတၢ်အိၣ်ဖျိၣ်သရၣ် လၢ အနီၣ် ၂၃ နံၣ် ဝံဒီး Reid ဒီး အမိ Janelle (ကုမုလံ) စိၣ်တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ် မဲ ယုရုၤ လၢ Austria (ကီၢ်အိၣ်ထီၣ်) ဒီး Czech Republic (ကီၢ်အိၣ်ထီၣ်) န့ၣ်လီၤ. ဝံဒီး အဝဲမၤတၢ်ဖဲ လီၤကတိၤ ပုၤန့ၣ်တၢ် လၢ ယုရုၤ ဒီး မုၢ်ထီၣ်တၢ်ခိၣ်သး လီၤကတိၤ န့ၣ်လီၤ. မဲ ၂၀၀၆ လၢခိၣ်ခိၣ်ဘၣ် န့ၣ် Reid ဘၣ်တၢ်ကတိၤဆူ အမုၢ်အခါအခါဒီး အဝဲကွၢ်ထွဲ ပဆူၤ အမဲရံၣ်ကၤဘျၢထံတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်အတၢ်မၤလၢ အခါကီၢ် အဘၣ် စုၣ် န့ၣ်လီၤ.



# “Bawipa cu a tha, ti hi tep cio u law hmu cio tuah u!”

by Reid S.Trulson

Psalm 34:8

Kum 1782 lio ah khan George le Hannah Liele cu Jamaica ah an rak kal. Jesuh Khrih a riantu ding ah an i pumpek cang cu si kaw, anmah pahnih America ram i sal an rak si bantuk te in Jamaica ah sal a simi hna sin i luatnak thawngthabia chim ding ah cuti an rak kal cu a si. Cu Liele te nupa cu America in bawmhnak zei setsai hmu lem lo in aa pumpemi American Baptist ramdang missionaries hmasabik an rak si.

Jamaica ah Liele te nupa nih an rian an thawk hnu kum sawmthum le kum khat, kum1813, ah Adoniram le Anna Judson Burma an phan. Liele te nupa bantuk in Judson te nupa zong Pathian dawtnak le khamhnak thawngtha theih a si khawhnak lai an nunnak an rak i hman. Pathian nih an mission riantuannak hman in Burma le American minung tampi an nun a thlen hna.

A ngaite ti ahcun, kanmah American Baptist a rak kan hring-sortu pawl cu Ann le Adoniram i an mission riantuannak nih umkholo in a rak tuah hna. Ram pum huap in an rak cawlcang ciammam i, hmasa bik ah, “The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Mission,” timi an rak dirh khawh.

Cu mission riantuannak bu, nihin i American Baptist International Ministries (IM) kan ti cangmi, nih cun Judson te nupa cu missionary ah an rak thlah hmasa bik mi hna an si. Cu bu nih cun American Baptists pawl cu Judson te sin i bawmh-chanh peknak in siseh, missionary dang thlahchapnak in siseh, Burma



ram an unau hna lak i Pathian nih rian a tuan ning tehna an hmu hna tikah, America ramchung in mission riantuannak kong he aa pehtlaimi thil ah thuk deuh le kau deuh ngai i khua-hmukhawhnak tehna a rak ngeihter khawh hna.

Judson te riantuannak nih kan pupale chan ah ruah ning phundang a rak ngeihter rih hna – Ca Thiang kong i an fianning ah, local church chung le local church khat le khat lakkar i hawikomhnak, vawleicung pi huap in Khrih pum pakhat chung i an i teltumnak ah an hmuhtonmi kong tehna ah i siamremhnak an rak ngei kho. Kum zeimaw zat hnu pi ah, mission lei hruaitu hna nih anmah he American Baptist pawl vialte he “i zohchih awk pipa ngai” an rak tuah, timi bia an chim tawn tikah hin chimporth in bia an chim a si lo.

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Thlarau nih Khrih rian lohma i khinh ding in a thar in a kan auh. Kanmah chung le kan kiang kan kam ah Pathian riantuannak hmu hkan i zuam ding a si. Zumhtlak tein a rian kan tuan thiam i, Thlarau thawnnak in hi vawlei pi a khup le a thal a let khotu kan si i Pathian rian ah Jesuh kut le ke kan si awk a si.

Judson te nupa le Liele te nupa nih nihinni ah hin zeibantuk fim bia dah an kan chimh? Theihter an kan duhmi ah a fiang ngai ko mi cu, Ca Thing nih, “Bawipa cu a tha, ti hi tep cio u law hmu cio tuah u!” (Psalm 34:8) tiah a kan auh lengmang rih ko, ti hi a si ko lai.

Rev. Dr. Reid S. Trulson hi American Baptist International Ministries (IM) ah executive minister a si. Kum 23 chung American Baptist pastor a si hnu ah, Reid le a nupi Janelle cu Austria le Czech Republic tehna ah um in Europe ram i thlahmi American Baptist missionaries an si. Cu hnu ah kum ruk chung, Europe le Middle East lei tlaitu area director a tuan. 2006 December ah Reid cu a tu a rian hmun ah hin auh a si i, ram 70 leng i American Baptist mission riantuannak a zohkhenhtu a si.

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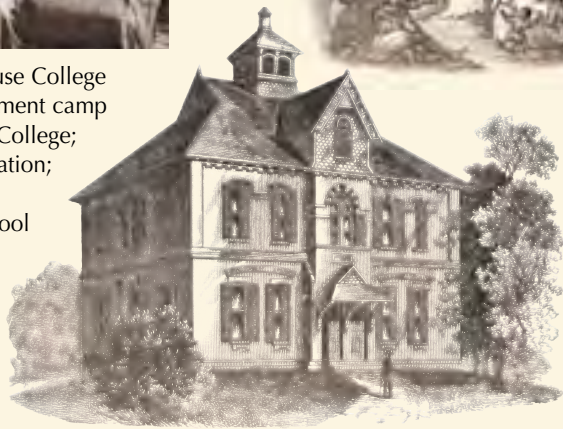




Graduating class, Morehouse College in Atlanta; Japanese Internment camp during WWII; Morehouse College; the Emancipation Proclamation; Joanna P. Moore with a graduating class at her school



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# Emancipation Proclamation called American Baptist Home Mission Societies to ministries of justice

by Susan Gottshall

When President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation a century and a half ago, The American Baptist Home Mission Society (ABHMS) knew it would take more than law to bring freedom to millions of enslaved African Americans. Illiteracy and poverty, chains of a different sort, would continue to limit their lives.

So even before the Civil War ended, ABHMS missionaries—both volunteer and appointed—were preaching and providing relief in the war zone. By 1866, more than 90 missionaries were at work in the South teaching 4,000 former slaves. ABHMS set up temporary schools in jailhouses, blacksmith shops and shacks, eventually founding 27 institutions of higher learning.

In many ways, the Emancipation Proclamation served as a clarion call for ABHMS. Pointing out the irony of so much injustice in a country founded on the vision of “freedom and equality for all,” the proclamation underscored

the continuing need for ministries of justice. And, in the decades that followed, ABHMS stood committed to meeting that need.

During WWII, commissioned home missionaries ministered to Japanese immigrants and their American-born families during unjust imprisonment in U.S. internment camps. After the war, ABHMS helped to establish the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee program through which American Baptists have resettled more than 110,000 refugees.

In 1971, ABHMS, six other Protestant denominations, and the National Council of Churches of Christ founded the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility to utilize investments to press for social change. That year the first-ever religious investor shareholder resolution called on General Motors to withdraw from South Africa in protest of apartheid.

The Children in Poverty initiative,

launched in 2006, equips American Baptists to develop new resources and ministries that care for the most vulnerable among us. Close to 3,000 volunteers have been sent to the Gulf Coast to help residents, devastated by Hurricane Katrina, rebuild their lives. A Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare Ministry addresses judicial system injustice: More African American adults are imprisoned, or on probation or parole, than were enslaved in 1850.

Today’s American Baptist Home Mission Societies’ Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, is keenly aware that “the fight for freedom, justice, equality and human rights has been rooted in the church,” as Danielle L. Ayers writes in *To Serve This Present Age* (Judson Press, 2013). He also understands it will continue to be waged there.

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## တၢ်သဘျာအတၢ်ဘိးဘၣ်သ့ၣ်ညါ ကိးထီၣ်ကိၢ်အမဲရကၢဘျာထံခရံၣ်ဖိထံလိၢ်ကိၢ်ပူၤတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်ကရၢကရိ ဆူတၢ်စံၣ်ညီၣ်တိလိၤအတၢ်ဖဲးတၢ်မၤ

အပူၤကွဲၣ်စးန့ၣ်၁၅၀, မဲကီၢ်ခိၣ် Abraham Lincoln ဆဲးလိၤအမၤလၢတၢ်သဘျာ အတၢ်ဘိးဘၣ်သ့ၣ်ညါ လဲၣ် အလိၤအခါ, “အမဲရကၢထံလိၢ်ကိၢ်ပူၤတၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်ကရၢ” (American Baptist Home Mission Society - ABHMS) သ့ၣ်ညါဒီးန့ၣ်ပာ်ဝဲလၢ ထံတၢ်သီၣ်တၢ်သီဖါန့ၣ် တၢ်ဟ့ၣ်ဝဲတၢ်သဘျာ အလၢအပူၤ ဆူပူၤအံးဖရဲကၣ်-အမဲရကၢဖိသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်, လၢအဘၣ်တၢ်မၤကဲက့ၢ် ဒီးအနီၣ်ဝဲအိၣ်ဝဲလၢအကၢကွဲၣ်, တသ့ဘၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. တၢ်တသ့လဲၣ်, တၢ်ဖျိၣ်တၢ်ယၢ်, မ့ၢ်စ့ၢ်ကိးတၢ်စးယၢ်တမံၤဒီး ဒုးအိၣ်ထီၣ်တၢ်အဍုၣ်အဆၢတဖၣ် လၢအသးသမ္မ အတၢ်လဲၤထီၣ်လဲၤထီၤအနီၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.

မ့ၢ်လၢအဝဲန့ၣ်အခါ, တဆူလၢထံလိၢ်ကိၢ်ပူၤတၢ်ဒုးတၢ်ယၢ်မံၤဒ်ဘၣ်အဆၢကတီၢ်အခါဝဲလဲၣ်န့ၣ် ABHMS ပုၤဘၣ်မ့ၣ်ဘၣ်ဒါသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်ဒီးပုၤမုၢ်သးမၤကလီတၢ်သ့ၣ်တဖၣ် စံၣ်ထံးတဲလိၤတၢ် ဒီးမၤစၢၤပုၤဘၣ်ကိဘၣ်ခဲသ့ၣ်တဖၣ် လၢတၢ်ဒုးတၢ်ယၢ်ကဲထီၣ်အလိၤတဖၣ်အပူၤန့ၣ်လီၤ. တုၤမဲ ၁၈၆၆ န့ၣ်န့ၣ်ပုၤစိၣ်တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်နီၣ်ဂံၢ်အါန့ၣ် အကၢၼၢဝဲ သ့ၣ်တဖၣ် မၤသကိးတၢ်လၢကလံးထံးတဒီး, ဖိဖျိသီၣ်လိၤန့ၣ်ယုၤဝဲခဲၣ်ပုၤအဂၤ ၄,၀၀၀ လၢအဘၣ်တၢ်မၤကဲက့ၢ်တုၤအီၤ လၢညါ သ့ၣ်တဖၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. ABHMS ဒုးအိၣ်ထီၣ် ထီၤကွဲၣ် တစီၢ်တလီၢ် လၢယိၣ် (၁၈၀၆) သ့ၣ်တဖၣ်အပူၤ, ဒီးတကးခံးဘၣ်ဒုးအိၣ်ထီၣ်စ့ၢ်ကိးစ့သ့အတၢ်ဖဲးတၢ်မၤ အကုၤတဖၣ် လၢအဘၣ်ယးဒီးတၢ်ဘျီတၢ်လၢထံးသ့ၣ်တဖၣ် န့ၣ်လီၤ. လိၤခဲကတၢ်န့ၣ် သ့ၣ်ထီၣ်ဘၣ်ဝဲကွဲၣ်အဖျၢၣ် ၂၃ ဖျၢၣ် လၢအဟ့ၣ်တၢ်သီၣ်လိၤအထီတဖၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.

ပမ့ၢ်ကွၢ်လၢကွဲၣ်အါဘိးန့ၣ်ပထံၣ်ဘၣ်လၢတၢ်သဘျာအတၢ်ဘိးဘၣ်သ့ၣ်ညါမ့ၢ်ဝဲတၢ်ကိးထီၣ် ABHMS လၢအသီၣ်ထီၣ်ဝဲခိၣ်ဒီးဆဲးဝဲန့ၣ်လီၤ. တၢ်တတိၤတလီၤတဖၣ်အိၣ်ဝဲအါမၤလၢထံကိၢ်လၢ ဘၣ်တၢ်သ့ၣ်ထီၣ်တိၤလၢ တၢ်အခိၣ်ထံးဖိၢ်ပုၤလၢအမ့ၢ် “တၢ်သဘျာဒီးတၢ်အခွဲးအယၢ်တုၤထံသီးသီးလၢပုၤကိးဝဲလၢအခါ” န့ၣ်လီၤ. အအံၤတဘၣ်ဘျီဘၣ်ဒါဝဲ အယီၤ မ့ၢ်ဝဲတၢ်အလိၣ်သပုၤကတၢ် လၢတၢ်စံၣ်ညီၣ်တိလိၤအတၢ်ဖဲးတၢ်မၤတဘၣ်အိၣ်ဝဲ ဒ်သီး ကမၤပုၤထီၣ်တၢ် လၢခါဆူညါန့ၣ်လီၤ. ABHMS ဟ့ၣ်လီၤအသး လၢကမၤလၢပုၤတၢ်အလိၣ်အံၤ ခါဆူညါ အနီၣ်အဆဲး တဖၣ်အဆဲး လၢကပိၣ်ထွဲလိၣ်အသးအတီၢ်ပုၤန့ၣ်လီၤ.

မဲဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဖျၢၣ်တၢ်ဒုးခဲဘျီတဘျီကဲထီၣ်အခါ ABHMS ထံလိၢ်ကိၢ်ပူၤပုၤစိၣ်တၢ်သးခုကစီၣ်သ့ၣ်တဖၣ်မၤစၢၤဝဲ ပုၤကူပုၤ (Japanese) ဖိတဖၣ်လၢအဟဲသ့အသးဆူကိၢ်အမဲရကၢ, ဒီးအဝဲသ့ၣ်အဍုၣ်ဖိထၢဖိသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်, လၢအဘၣ် တၢ်ထၢန့ၣ်အီၤဆူ ယိၣ်လၢပုၤစးယၢ်ပုၤတဖၣ်လၢအဘၣ်ထွဲဒီးတၢ်ဒုးတၢ်ယၢ်သ့ၣ်တဖၣ် အပူၤ န့ၣ်လီၤ. မဲတၢ်ဒုးဝဲဒီး ABHMS မၤစၢၤသ့ၣ်ထီၣ်ဘၣ် “ဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဖျၢၣ်တၢ်ဘျီတၢ်ဘိကရၢလၢ အမၤစၢၤတၢ် ဘၣ်ယးဒီး ပုၤသးအသးဆူထံလိၢ် ကိၢ်ပူၤ ဒီးပုၤဘၣ်ကိဘၣ်ခဲသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်” (Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program) န့ၣ်လီၤ. အမဲရကၢဘျာ ထံမၤစၢၤဒီးသုးလိၢ်သုးကျိၤန့ၣ်ဘၣ် ပုၤဘၣ်ကိဘၣ်ခဲ အါန့ၣ်အဂၤ ၁၁၀,၀၀၀ ဖိဖျိတၢ်ကရၢကရိအံၤန့ၣ်လီၤ.

မဲ ၁၉၇၁ န့ၣ်န့ၣ် ABHMS ဒီးတၢ်ကရၢကရိအဂၤ ၆ ခါ, ဒီး “ထံလိၢ်ကိၢ်ပူၤခရံၣ်အတၢ်အိၣ်ဖျိၣ်တဖၣ်ကရၢ” (National Council of Churches of Christ), သ့ၣ်ထီၣ်ဘၣ်ဝဲ “တၢ်ဘျီတၢ်ဘိအါမၤ တၢ်ဖျိၣ်ထီၣ်စ့ဒီးမၤသကိးတၢ် အလိၢ်ခါၣ်သး လၢအယုမၤလိၤတၢ်ဒီပန့ၣ်တဖၣ်ဒ်သီးကမၤလၢပုၤအမူအခါ” (Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility) န့ၣ်လီၤ. အတၢ်ပညိၣ်မ့ၢ်ဝဲဒ်သီး ကသ့ဝဲ ကျိၣ်စ့ဒီးစုလိၢ်ခိၣ်ခိၣ်သ့ၣ်တဖၣ် လၢအဘၣ်တၢ်ပၤန့ၣ်အီၤ ဆူဒီပန့ၣ်အတၢ်မၤအပူၤ လၢ တၢ်လဲလိၣ်တၢ်, တၢ်မၤပုၤထီၣ်တၢ်, လၢဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဖိတဖၣ်အဘျီအဖျိၣ်အဂီၢ် န့ၣ်လီၤ. မဲအနီၣ်ဝဲန့ၣ်အပူၤ ပုၤစ့ၢ်ပုၤန့ၣ်တဖၣ် လၢအပၤန့ၣ်စုတဖၣ်လၢဒီပန့ၣ်တဖၣ်အပူၤ ဒုးအိၣ်ထီၣ်ဝဲ တၢ်ဆူန့ၣ်အဆိကတၢ် လၢအယု ကွဲၣ်န့ၣ်လိၤ မိတၢ် (General Motors) ဒီပန့ၣ်လၢ ကပိၣ်ပတုၣ်ကွဲၣ် အတၢ်ဖဲးတၢ်မၤလၢ ကလံးထံး အံးဖရဲကၢအကီၢ် (South Africa) ဒ်သီးကထီၣ်ခါဝဲ ထံကိၢ်ပဒိၣ်အတၢ်မၤဒၣ် ပုၤသ့ဖဲးဖိသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.

“တၢ်ဖဲးတၢ်မၤလၢအဘၣ်ယးဒီးဖိသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်လၢအအိၣ်လၢတၢ်ဖျိၣ်တၢ်ယၢ်အပူၤ” (Children in Poverty initiative) ဘၣ်တၢ်အထီၣ်အီၤလၢ ၂၀၀၆ ဒီး ဆီၣ်ထွဲ အမဲရကၢဘျာထံဖိတဖၣ်လၢ ကဒုးအိၣ်ထီၣ် တၢ်မၤအကျိၤအကွဲၣ် တဖၣ် ဒီး တၢ်ခွတၢ်ပုၤအတၢ်မၤတဖၣ် လၢကဟ့ၣ်တယၢ်က့ၢ် ပုၤဖိသ့ၣ် တဖၣ်လၢအမ့ၢ် ခါဆူညါအပူၤလုၢ်ဒိၣ်ပုၤဒိၣ်ကတၢ် တဖၣ်လၢပကျိၤန့ၣ်လီၤ. ပုၤမုၢ်သးမၤကလီတၢ် အဂၤ ၃,၀၀၀ ယၢ်ယၢ် ဘၣ်တၢ်ဆူလၢဟီၤအီၤဆူဝဲလဲၣ်န့ၣ်ထံကွဲၣ် ကျိၤအလိၢ် ဒ်သီးကမၤစၢၤ ပုၤလၢအဘၣ်ဒိဘၣ်ထံး လၢကလံးမ့ၢ်တထရဲန့ၣ် (Hurricane Katrina) ဒ်သီးကသ့ၣ်ထီၣ် ဘၣ်က့ၤဝဲ အတၢ်အိၣ်မူ န့ၣ်လီၤ. တၢ်မၤစၢၤပုၤယိၣ်ဖိတဖၣ် မဲအဝဲသ့ၣ်ထွဲဖဲးထီၣ်လၢတၢ်စးယၢ်အပူၤ ဒီးဟဲန့ၣ်က့ၤဝဲခဲၣ် ဆူတၢ်တဝဲအပူၤ အိၣ်ဝဲစ့ၢ်ကိး ဒ်သီး ကယုမၤလိၤတၢ်တၢ်တိတၢ်လိၤလၢအကြံးအိၣ်လၢ စံၣ်ညီၣ်ကွီၢ် အတၢ်မၤ အကျိၤအကွဲၣ်အပူၤ လၢအဝဲသ့ၣ်အဂီၢ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. ပုၤအံးဖရဲကၢ-အမဲရကၢ အိၣ်အါခဲအါဂၤ လၢဘၣ်တၢ်စးယၢ်အီၤ လၢယိၣ်အပူၤ မ့ၢ်တမ့ၢ်ဘၣ်ဒီး လၢဘၣ်တၢ်ကွၢ်ယုၣ်ကွၢ်စ့ၣ်သမံသမီးအီၤတဘျီဘၣ်တဘျီလၢကတီၢ်ဒီးအတၢ်အၣ်လိၤကစီၢ် န့ၣ်လီၤ. ပုၤတဖၣ်အံၤအနီၣ်ဂံၢ်န့ၣ် အါန့ၣ် ပုၤဘၣ်တၢ်မၤကဲက့ၢ်အီၤသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်လၢ ၁၈၅၀ န့ၣ်အပူၤန့ၣ်လီၤ.

မ့ၢ်မဆါတနံၤတံၤ ABHMS အကရၢကရိအခိၣ်ကျိၢ် Dr. Aidsand F.Wright-Riggins III သ့ၣ်ညါန့ၣ်ပာ်ဝဲလၢ “တၢ်ဒုးတၢ် လၢတၢ်သဘျာ, တၢ်တိတၢ်လိၤဒီး တၢ်အခွဲး အယၢ်တုၤထံသီးသီးတဖၣ်” အဂီၢ်န့ၣ် အိၣ်သ့ၣ်လီၤအသး လၢတၢ်အိၣ်ဖျိၣ်အပူၤန့ၣ်လီၤ. Danielle L. Ayers ကွဲးဝဲလၢအလဲၣ် “တၢ်မၤစၢၤပုၤအိၣ်လၢခါအံၤတဖၣ်” (To Serve This Present Age) (Judson Press, 2013 - ယုၤသ့ၣ်လဲၣ် ဝဲကံးလိၢ် ၂၁၁၃) ဒီး ဖဲးဝဲခဲၣ်လၢလဲၣ်အံၤအပူၤ, “တၢ်ဒုးအဝဲတံၤ ကဘၣ်တၢ်ဒုးအီၤခါဆူညါလၢတၢ် အိၣ်ဖျိၣ်အပူၤန့ၣ်လီၤ.



# Sal Luatter Thawngthanhnak nih American Baptist Home Mission Societies cu diknak tanhtu riantuannak bu a si

President Abraham Lincoln nih Sal Luatter Thawngthanhnak (Emancipation Proclamation) hi kum zabu khat le cheu lio i min a rak thut tikah, American Baptist Home Mission Society (ABHMS) nih sal i cantermi hna African Americans luatnak kong ah hin upadi pin thil tampi a hau rih lai ti a hmuh chung cia. Ca thiam lo le sifah canfah le thil dangdang tam tuk te nih an nunnak ah ri an ser len rih lai.

Cu ruang ah Ramchung Ralpi (Civil War) a dih hlan hmanh ah, ABHMS missionaries pawl - aa pumpemi mi he, tuantermi he - rallam ah phungchim pah in bawmhchanh rian an rak tuan diam cang. 1866 ah cun missionaries 90 ringlo nih Thlanglei i sal a rak si mi hna minung 4,000 sin ah rian an rak tuan. ABHMS nih thonginn le soser inn tehna ah a fawirannak sianginn tete an rak dirh i, a hnu ah cun cu sianginn pawl cu tang sang deuh cawnnak sianginn 27 tiang dirhnak ah a hun i cang.

Zei a si khom ah, Sal Luatter Thawngthanhnak cu ABHMS ca ah cun lam tampi ah muko tum bantuk auhnak a si. “Mi vialte zalong te le tlukruang tein,” timi saduthah he rak dirh mi ram ngaite i a tlarilo mi thil a tam tuk ning langhter in, sal luatter thawngthanhnak nih cun diknak rian tuan zultpeh peng a herh kong a fianter ngai ko. Cu hnu kum sawmbu zeimaw zat chung zong ah ABHMS nih cun rampi i cuti a herhnak zawn cu a rak i hmaithlak peng ko.

Vawlei Ralpi Pahnihnak lio ah, Japan ram in a rak pemitmi pawl le hika US i hrimmi an chungkhar hna, tlari lo ngai in camp ah khawmh dih le khumh dih an rak tuar lio zong ah ramchung missionaries pawl nih an rak zuanhnawh hna. Ral a dih hnu zong ah ABHMS cu Church World Service Immigration and Refugee program dirhnak ah i teltum in American Baptists nih ralzam 110,000 ringlo an umthutnak an rak tuaktan, an rak bawmh hna.

Kum 1971 ah, ABHMS le Protestant bu dang paruk le National Council of Churches of Christ i komh in Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility timi an hun dirh i, an kampani phaisa hram bunh tawlrel kong ah khuatlang nunning tiang an hun i thelh ve cang. Tahchunhnak ah miphun thleidannak a fah tuk duh lo langhter in General Motors kampani cu South Africa in chuak seh, tiah biaknak in phaisa hram bunhmi hi bu nih an vawi khatnak cawlcanghnak an hun ngei kho.

Kum 2006 ah Children in Poverty initiative timi an hun dirh i, kan minung hawi lak i zeidrhmun hmanh aa serh kho lo mi zohkhenh khinhramhnak rian American Baptists nih a rak i hmaithlak. Gulf Coast ah Hurricane Katrina lio i chiat a tuarmi hna bawmhchanhnak zong aa pumpe kho mi minung 3,000 dengmang thlah in bawmhchanh rian a tuan. Prisoner Re-Entry and Aftercare Ministry timi dirh in biaceihnak leipang i diklonak pawl zong tlangtlak a si rih: 1850 lio i sal i rak canter mi nakin thong i thlakmi, silole probation le parole in chikkhat thlahchungmi African American minung an tam deuh.

Tuchun American Baptist Home Mission Societies i executive director a tuan liomi Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III cu “zanlonnak, diknak, i tlukruannak le minung sivo vialte cu khrihfabu ah hram a bunh dih mi an si,” tinak zawn hi aa fiang tuk i, Danielle L. Ayers nih a tialmi *Tulio Chan A Riantu (To Serve This Present Age)* (Judson Press, 2013) timi cauk chung bia bang hi rian zultpeh peng ding.



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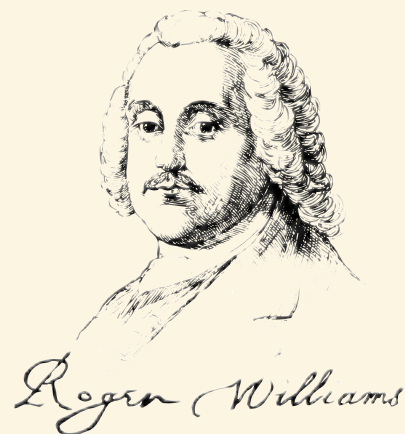




## by Leo S. Thorne

An order of banishment caused Williams to flee to Massachusetts in

Beginning with worship in his own house (house churches are not a new model), Williams concluded that believer's baptism was the only valid concept of baptism. In late 1638, he had himself rebaptized and then he rebaptized his flock. However, Williams' spiritual journey did not end there. Within months he came to doubt that any existing institution could validly call itself the church. So, in the summer of 1639, he resigned, but he cherished the belief to the end of his



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Kum 1782 lio ah khan George le um 1630 hrawng i Massachusetts a rak phanmi Puritan pawl a thongthong lak ah a rak i telmi Roger Williams nih kum 1633 kum ah biaknak lei le chia-ṭha thleidan awk thil ah vawlei lei nawlgeitu hna an i thlak awk a si, timi ruahnak dokalh in “thlarau zalonnak” kongkau phungchim a rak thawk. Khrihfabu le cozah cu an i then bak ding a si, a ti i, “hnekchom Pathian thangthat cu a rim a chia tuk i, Pathian hnar-awng nih a celh ding a si lo,” a rak ti phah. Cu lio colony ram i biaknak, ram kong, le khuasak tintuknak kong dirhmun tiang a a ruahnak nih a rak hninsaih dih.

England ram i kuat ding awdar an chuah ruang ah, 1636 ah Williams cu Massachusetts in a zam i, Narragansetts pawl sin in cawkchinmi ram ah khua a rak tla. Cu cu “Providence” tiah a rak ti i, cu hmun cu, “chia-ṭha thleidannak zumhnak kong i ngaihchiattermi hna i dornak,” mi kip nih biaknak lei i zalonnak an ngeih khawhnak hmun, tinak a si.

Williams nih cun a rauh hlan ah zumtu zeimawzat a khawmh hna i a inn ah a rak pumhpi tawn hna. Kum hnih hrawng hnu ah, Williams nih cun baptism kong ah zumtu tipil in lawng baptism dotla cu a si, tiah a hun pom. Kum 1638 hnu cun amah lila tipil a ing han i, a turun zong cu tipil a pek han hna. Nain cu ah cun Williams i a thlarau khuallam cu a dong rih lo. Thla tlawmpal ah a ruah mi cu, biaknak lei bu tibantuk bu zeibantuk poh nih khrihfabu tiah i ti khawh cio ding a si, ti kong ah zumhlonak a hun ngei. Cuticun 1683 khuapau caan a hung chuah tikah, a rian in aa ngol, nain a dirhmi krihfabu cu Ca Thing ning in dirhmi a si, tiah a thih

(1683) tiang te aa tlaih peng ko.

Dr. James Manning cu Philadelphia Baptist Association nih Rhode Island ah Baptist college dirh ding le New England chung i Baptist khrihfabu pawl khawmh i association dirh ding in an rak thlah. Cuticun Brown University cu 1764 ah an rak dirh i, Warren Baptist Association cu 1767 ah rak thawk a si. Dr. Manning cu Providence khrihfabu ah pastor a hung si i, cuti amah i pastor a hun ṭuan cun atu i Meeting House khi rak sak a si. Hi inn hi First Baptist Church nih a pathumnak a rak ngeih mi meeting house a si.

Kum zabu 19-nak lio ah cun, First Baptist khrihfabu cu Baptist bu ngan mi pawl ah a rak i tel pha mi a si i, khrihfabu dang hleihnih tiang dirhnak ah bawmtu a rak si ve. First Baptist khrihfabu i pastor cu 1825 i dirh mi Rhode Island Baptist State Convention ah president hmasa bik a rak si. Rev. Stephen Gano cu, kum 1814 lio ah Baptist pawl nih Philadelphia ah i tonnak an rak ngei i, rampumpi huap in convention hmasabik an rak dirh lio tan i aiawhtu rak thlah mi minung pali ah a rak i tel ve. Francis Wayland cu sal kong nih khrihfabu a rak hninh tuk lio caan 1840 hrawnghrang lio ah convention president a rak si. Kum 1845 i khrihfabu a hun i cheu taktak tikah cun hmanung bik thilcang pawl cu mah meeting house i a cangmi an rak si. Mah meeting house ah hin, April thla a hun dih cun, khrihfabu i mission rianṭuannak bu pawl nih sal a zuami pawl missionary i thlah cu an cohlang duh ti lo. Thlanglei minung pawl cu an chuak i, Southern Baptist Convention an hun dirh.

Nihinni tiang First Baptist Church nih “thlarau zalonnak” kong i a tuanbia hlun ro sung cu a zulhpeh ko. Roger Williams pomning hrampi khrihfabu le cozah cu then bak ding ti zong fek tein aa tlaih thup ko.

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# MISSION SUMMIT

# CONVERSATIONS

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**Mission Summit Conversations**

The Mission Summit Conversations are an opportunity for all attendees to engage in meaningful dialogue about a topic of interest to them in a small group.

Look for the times and locations on page 16 of this booklet or visit the ABCUSA exhibit (Booth 302). Meet and talk with others interested in shaping the future of American Baptist Churches USA.





# CONVERSATIONS

Look in  
your registration  
packet for a full list  
of topics

The Mission Summit Conversations are an open opportunity for anyone attending the Mission Summit/Biennial to engage in meaningful dialogue about a topic of interest by self-selecting into a small group.

The Mission Summit Conversations are the heart of the Mission Summit. Three rounds of Mission Summit Conversations will be held.

The groups will be divided into three large rooms titled, “Our Leaders,” “Our Witness,” and “Our Future.” Your registration packet will show the locations of each group. There will be lobby hosts and room hosts at the Mission Summit/Biennial to help you find the group you would like to join. You can join ANY group that interests you!

**Your Take Aways:** Attendees should take away from the Mission Summit Conversations:

- (1) an understanding that they and their local congregations are not alone in the challenges they face in mission and ministry;
- (2) contact information and helpful insights from others who are facing similar challenges; and
- (3) an experience to inspire discernment and excitement about possible experiments for their local church setting.

## Schedule for Mission Summit Conversations (MSC)

Friday, June 21	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Orientation for group leaders
Saturday, June 22	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Mission Summit Conversations Round 1
Saturday, June 22	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Mission Summit Conversations Round 2
Saturday, June 22	4:00 pm – 4:50 pm	Reports from Mission Summit Conversations in plenary session
Sunday, June 23	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Mission Summit Conversations Round 3

**Overall Goal:** Create the space for meaningful conversation among the Mission Summit participants in order to advance the mission and ministry of our American Baptist churches.

## Desired Outcomes:

- MSC participants to invest in a meaningful conversation about mission and ministry;
- MSC participants to gain insights from one another during the MSC;
- MSC participants to desire to continue the conversation after the Mission Summit/Biennial; and
- MSC participants to offer insights, needs and hopes to Mission Table participants.

ABCUSA 2013 Mission Summit/Biennial

## Daily Activity Guide

Room numbers are subject to change. Please check the directional signs by the OPCC Courtyard Rooms for meeting locations.

CBTS Central Baptist Theological Seminary  
CS Chase Suites  
CY Courtyard by Marriott  
HGI Hilton Garden Inn  
HIS Holiday Inn & Suites  
OPCC Overland Park Convention Center  
SI Sheraton Hotel

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013			
I want to attend	Time	Event	Place
	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration Open	OPCC-Registration Pre-Function
	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Chaplains & Pastoral Counselors Reception	HGI-Aspen/Birch

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013			
I want to attend	Time	Event	Place
	7:00 am – Midnight	Prayer Room	SI-Juniper
	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	The Barnabas Project (ABHMS)	CY-Room TBD
	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Registration Open	OPCC-Registration Pre-Function
	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Baptist Peace Fellowship Conflict Transformation Training (with lunch)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	REMC Continuing Education Event (with lunch)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	8:30 am – 6:00 pm	ABCUSA Theologians Conference	CBTS-Room TBD
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	American Baptist Association of Colleges & Universities Meeting (ABACU)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	9:00 am – Midnight	Prayer Wall	OPCC-SI Walkway
	1:00 pm – Midnight	Regional Youth Representatives	CS-Hardage Room
	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	World Relief Committee Meeting (includes dinner)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner: Area Ministers/Region Staff (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner: Young Adults (ABHMS)	HIS-Café
	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	ABMen Meeting	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	National Black Caucus Worship	SI-Leatherwood 1 & 2
	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Young Adult Worship (ABHMS)	HIS-Plaza
	9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Young Adult Social (ABHMS)	HIS-Plaza

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## Registration Hours

Wednesday, June 19:	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday, June 20:	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday, June 21:	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Saturday, June 22:	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 23:	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

## Exhibit Hall Hours

Friday, June 21:	10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 22:	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 23:	9:00 am – 10:00 am 11:30 am – 5:00 pm



FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013			
I want to attend	Time	Event	Place
	7:00 am – 8:00 pm	Registration Open	OPCC-Registration Pre-Function
	7:00 am – Midnight	Prayer Room	SI-Juniper
	7:00 am – Midnight	Prayer Wall	OPCC-SI Walkway
	7:00 am – Midnight	Regional Youth Representatives	CS-Hardage Room
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: AB Women’s Ministries Board Alumnae (by invitation)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Ministers Council (by invitation)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 12:00 pm	American Baptist Portuguese Speaking Caucus Mtg. (with breakfast)	SI-Willow Room
	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Young Adults (ABHMS)	HIS-Café
	9:00 am – 10:00 am	Young Adult Worship (ABHMS)	HIS-Plaza
	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	National Black Caucus Meeting	SI-Leatherwood 1 & 2
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Chaplains & Pastoral Counselor In-Service Training/Meeting	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Women’s Day – AB Women’s Ministries (lunch included)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Hispanic American Baptist Caucus Meeting	SI-Leatherwood 3
	9:30 am – 3:30 pm	Asian American Baptist Caucus Meeting	SI-Maple
	9:30 am – 5:00 pm	American Baptist Indian Caucus Meeting	SI-Hawthorne 2
	10:00 am – 7:00 pm	Mission Summit Exhibits Open	OPCC-Ballroom
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Luncheon: Women’s Day – AB Women’s Ministries	OPCC-Courtyard Pre-Function
	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Luncheon: Young Adults (ABHMS)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	12:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Luncheon: MMBB Member Luncheon (by invitation)	SI-Cottonwood Ballroom
	1:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Young Adult Meeting (ABHMS)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Haitian American Baptist Caucus Meeting	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	ABHMS Coffeehouse	OPCC-Exhibit Booth 209
	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Mission Summit Leader Orientation	SI-Leatherwood 1 & 2
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	IM Missionary Partnership Teams (by invitation)	SI-Birch
	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	ABCUSA Board of General Ministries Women’s Caucus Meeting	SI-Juniper
	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Mission Summit Press Conference	SI-Maple
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Asian American Baptist Caucus (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Chaplains & Pastoral Counselors Merit Awards (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: National Black Caucus (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	5:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Young Adults (ABHMS)	OPCC-Courtyard (Outside Ballroom)
	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ALL: Worship – “Transformed for Justice” Speaker: Dr. Michelle Alexander	OPCC-Exhibition Hall A
	9:00 pm – 10:30 pm	ABWIM “After Party”	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	“Songs to Lift Spirits & Soothe Souls”	SI-Maple
	9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Young Adult Reception (ABHMS)	HIS-Plaza

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013			
I want to attend	Time	Event	Place
	7:00 am – Midnight	Prayer Room	SI-Juniper
	7:00 am – Midnight	Prayer Wall	OPCC-SI Walkway
	7:00 am – Midnight	Regional Youth Representatives	CS-Hardage Room
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: ABHMS Mission Tour (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: American Baptist Seminary of the West (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Baptist World Alliance (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Coalition for Baptist Principles (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: “Friends of ABCUSA” (by invitation)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Haitian American Baptist Caucus (have meal ticket ready)	SI-Maple
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Ottawa University (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Registration Open	OPCC-Registration Pre-Function
	9:00 am – 7:00 pm	Mission Summit Exhibits Open	OPCC-Ballroom
	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Mission Summit Conversations: <i>Our Leaders</i>	SI-Leatherwood
	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Mission Summit Conversations: <i>Our Witness</i>	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Mission Summit Conversations: <i>Our Future</i>	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Labyrinth Experience	OPCC-Outside Exhibition Hall B
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Prayer Station	OPCC-Outside Exhibition Hall A
	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	MMBB Annuitant Reception (by invitation)	OPCC-Ballroom Pre-Function
	11:15 am – 11:45 am	Prayer Team: Taizé Worship	SI-Juniper
	12:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Luncheon: International Ministries (have meal ticket ready)	SI-Cottonwood Ballroom
	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	ABHMS Coffeehouse	OPCC-Exhibit Booth 209
	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Mission Summit Conversations: <i>Our Leaders</i>	SI-Leatherwood
	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Mission Summit Conversations: <i>Our Witness</i>	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Mission Summit Conversations: <i>Our Future</i>	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	ABMen Chainsaw Demonstration	OPCC-Parking Lot
	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Mission Summit Conversations Reporting Session	OPCC-Exhibition Hall A
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: ABCUSA Past Officers (by invitation)	SI-Redbud
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Andover Newton Theological School	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
		(have meal ticket ready)	
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
		(have meal ticket ready)	
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Franklin College (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Fuller Seminary Alumni (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Palmer Seminary of Eastern University (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	5:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner: Roger Williams Fellowship (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ALL: Worship – “Transformed for Mission” Speakers: Rev. Dr. Yam Kho Pau, Rev. Dr. John Upton	OPCC-Exhibition Hall A
	9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Young Adult Social (ABHMS)	HIS-Plaza
	9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	“Youth on the Yard” (Sponsored by Local Arrangements Committee)	OPCC-Outside Courtyard

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SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013			
I want to attend	Time	Event	Place
	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Prayer Wall	OPCC-SI Walkway
	7:00 am – Midnight	Prayer Room	SI-Juniper
	7:00 am – Midnight	Regional Youth Representatives	CS-Hardage Room
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Alderson-Broaddus College (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: American Baptist Historical Society (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Baptist Peace Fellowship (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Intercaucus (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Northern Seminary (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast: Yale Divinity School (have meal ticket ready)	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration Open	OPCC-Registration Pre-Function
	9:00 am – 10:00 am	Mission Summit Exhibits Open	OPCC-Ballroom
	9:30 am – 9:45 am	ALL: Discernment Session (Delegates bring voting card)	OPCC-Exhibition Hall A
	10:00 am – 11:30 am	ALL: Worship – “Transformed by the Spirit”	OPCC-Exhibition Hall A
	11:30 am – 5:00 pm	Mission Summit Exhibits Open	OPCC-Ballroom
	12:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Luncheon: ABHMS (have meal ticket ready)	SI-Cottonwood Ballroom
	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	ABHMS Coffeehouse	OPCC-Exhibit Booth 209
	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Mission Summit Conversations: Our Leaders	OPCC-Courtyard Pre-Function
	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Mission Summit Conversations: Our Witness	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Mission Summit Conversations: Our Future	OPCC-Courtyard Room TBD
	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ALL: Worship – “Transformed for Today” Speaker: Rev. Matthew Sturtevant	OPCC-Exhibition Hall A
	9:15 pm – 10:30 pm	Reception: ABCUSA President/Officers/Board of General Ministries Members and former General Board Members	OPCC-Courtyard Pre-Function

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Election Slate

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Region	Director	Class	Nominee & Term	Class
Central	Shirley Fair	*2013	Shirley Fair – 2nd term	2014-2017
Chicago	Wesley Sun	*2014	Wesley Sun – 2nd term	2015-2018
Cleveland	Camille Brown	*2015		
Central Pacific Coast	Mercy Johnson	•2016		
Connecticut	Elisai Echevarria	•2016		
Dakotas	James Thomason	•2016		
District of Columbia	C. Duh Kam	*2013	C. Duh Kam – 2nd term	2014-2017
Evergreen	Perla Belo	*2014	Stephanie Commandest – 1st term	2015-2018
Growing Healthy Churches	Danny Jack	*2014	Danny Jack – 2nd term	2015-2018
Great Rivers	James Wolfe	*2016		
Indiana/Kentucky	Andy Arndt	*2014	Andy Arndt – 2nd term	2015-2018
Indianapolis	Julia Bebeau	*2015		
Los Angeles	Charity Matic	*2013	Charity Matic – 2nd term	2014-2017
Massachusetts	Wesley Roberts	*2015		
Maine				
Michigan	Robin Crouch	*2015		
Mid-America	Ray Jepson	*2013	Ashley Whitaker – 1st term	2014-2017
Metro New York	Ernest Jones	*2013	Ernest Jones – 2nd term	2014-2017
Nebraska	Beryl Hornberger	•2016		
New Jersey	Bill Frederickson	*2014	Bill Frederickson – 2nd term	2015-2018
Northwest	John Duckworth	*2013	Manuel Luquin – 1st term	2014-2017
New York State	Alan Rudnick	*2013	Alan Rudnick – 2nd term	2014-2017
Ohio	Dianne Steelman	*2013	Dianne Steelman – 2nd term	2014-2017
Pennsylvania/Delaware			Kelly Legg – 1st term	2013-2016
Philadelphia	Dean Parker	•2016		
Puerto Rico	Felipe Candelaria	*2014	Felipe Candelaria – 2nd term	2015-2018
Rhode Island	Jonathan Malone	•2016		
Rocky Mountains	Kay Farley	*2015		
Rochester/Genesee	Tasha Wilson	*2015		
South	Elmore Warren	*2014	Elmore Warren – 2nd term	2015-2018
Vermont/New Hampshire	Vivan Martindale	•2016		
Wisconsin	Nancy O’Neill	*2014	Nancy O’Neill – 2nd term	2015-2018
West Virginia	Koreen Villers	*2014	Koreen Villers – 2nd term	2015-2018

**General Directors:** Paul Higgins – Class of 2016•; Mo Khan – Class of 2015\*; June Totten – Class of 2015\*  
**To be voted separately:** President – Don Ng; Vice-President – Judith Fackenthal;  
Budget Review Officer – Paul Higgins

\*First Term      •Second Term





# Session Details

## Overland Park Convention Center

FRIDAY, June 21, 2013  
Worship Service 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
“Transformed for Justice”

**Prelude**  
**Gathering and Praising**  
Congregational Singing  
Words of Welcome: Ruth Clark, President, ABCUSA; Rev. John Williams, Executive Minister, ABC of the Central Region;  
Rev. Neville Callam, General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance  
Words of Transition: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/ Biennial Planning Team  
Native American Welcome and Blessing from the Churches of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Indian American Baptist Association  
*(see page 39 for ceremony description)*  
Invocation: Rev. Don Ng, Vice President, ABCUSA  
Opening of the 2013 Mission Summit/Biennial: Ruth Clark, President, ABCUSA  
Congregational Hymn  
Words of Beginning: Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABCUSA  
Orientation to the Mission Summit: Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods, Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries, ABCUSA  
Solo: Rev. Anáталys González-Ortiz  
**Encountering**  
Scripture: Isaiah 1:17; Micah 6:6-8  
Introduction of Speaker: Valoria Cheek, Esq., President, American Baptist Extension Corporation  
Message in Song: Eboni Fondren  
Message: Michelle Alexander, highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate, legal scholar and author of “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness”  
**Responding**  
Congregational Song of Response  
Words of Challenge and Inspiration from ABHMS: Rev. Fela Barreuto, National Coordinator, Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare Ministry  
Presentation of the Dahlberg Peace Award: Rev. Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, Executive Director, ABHMS  
Offering our Resources: Anne Jernberg  
Offertory Music: Rev. Julio González Paniagua, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Santurce, San Juan, PR  
**Sending**  
Congregational Hymn  
Announcements: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/ Biennial Planning Team  
Benediction: Rev. Kathy Longhat

SATURDAY, June 22, 2013  
Worship Service 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
“Transformed for Mission”

**Prelude:** Richard Hill  
**Gathering and Praising**  
Congregational Singing  
Invocation: Dr. Molly Marshall, President, Central Baptist Theological Seminary; Chan Hnin Thui  
Welcome: Rev. Hopeton Scott, Board President, American Baptist International Ministries  
Welcome to Special Guests: Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABCUSA; Ruth Clark, President, ABCUSA  
Inspiration in Song: Burmese Choir  
Words of Transition: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/ Biennial Planning Team  
Mission Summit Update: Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods, Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries, ABCUSA  
Song: Chin Choir  
**Encountering**  
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20; John 13:34-35  
Message: Rev. Dr. John Upton, President, Baptist World Alliance; Executive Director, Baptist General Association of Virginia and Virginia Baptist Mission Board  
Song: Karen Choir  
Scripture: Rev. Dr. Lauran Bethell, Global Consultant, American Baptist International Ministries  
Message: Rev. Dr. Yam Kho Pau, General Secretary, Myanmar Baptist Convention  
**Responding**  
Song: Chin Choir  
Recognition: Rev. Dr. George Tooze, MMBB Board of Managers  
Song: Karen Choir  
Words of Transition: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/ Biennial Planning Team  
Words of Challenge/Inspiration: American Baptist International Ministries  
Offering our Resources: Rev. Dr. Mark Caruana, Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Utica, NY  
Offertory Song: Monica Uk  
Words of Transition: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/ Biennial Planning Team  
Video Presentation: “Mission Come Full Circle: Journey from Burma to a New Land and a New Hope”  
Congregational Hymn  
**Sending**  
Benediction: Rev. Saw Ler Htoo, Executive Secretary, Karen Baptist Churches USA  
Congregational Song of Response: “Hallelujah Chorus”  
*(see page 24 – please turn to the next page)*

SUNDAY, June 23, 2013  
Business Session 9:30 am – 9:45 am

All attendees will hear a Financial Report  
Delegates will vote on the following: Board of General Ministries  
At-Large Directors; ABC Officers – 2014-2015 Biennium; Minutes from 2011 Biennial

SUNDAY, June 23, 2013  
Worship Service 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
“Transformed by the Spirit”

**Gathering and Praising**  
Congregational Singing  
Welcome: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/Biennial Planning Team  
Celebrating our Mission Giving: Rev. Dr. Leo Thorne, Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development, ABCUSA  
Greeting One Another  
Song of Gathering  
Call to Worship  
Hymn of Praise  
Invocation  
**Encountering**  
A Psalm: Psalm 1  
Invitation to Confession: Rev. Zina Jacque, Pastor, Community Church, Barrington, IL  
Unison Prayer of Confession  
*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*  
Words of Assurance: Rev. Zina Jacque, Pastor, Community Church, Barrington, IL  
Song of Response  
Testimony: Pastors Daryl and Vanessa Ward  
Song of Thanks  
Gospel Reading  
Song of Response: “Alleluia”  
Ministry of Music: Classic Ensemble, First Baptist Church of Olathe, KS  
Testimony: Rev. Greg Mamula  
Congregational Song  
Testimony: Wendy Quan and Becky Lessler  
Ministry of Music: Leslie Lee and Steve Gretz  
Testimony: Rev. Daniel Martínó  
Congregational Song  
**Responding**  
Invitation to the Table: Rev. Dr. Heather Entrekin, Shawnee Mission, KS  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord’s Prayer

Passing the Peace  
Words of Institution and Prayers  
Communion  
**Sending**  
A Song of Hope  
Blessing: Rev. Dr. Veronica Lanier, Melrose, MA

SUNDAY, June 23, 2013  
Worship Service 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
“Transformed for Today”

**Prelude:** Mark Hayes  
**Gathering and Praising**  
Congregational Singing  
Invocation: Rev. Julio González Paniagua, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Santurce, San Juan, PR  
Congregational Singing  
Words of Welcome and Transition: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/Biennial Program Committee  
Greetings: Stan Noffsinger, General Secretary, Church of the Brethren; Suzii Paynter, Executive Coordinator, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
Words of Transition: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/ Biennial Program Committee  
Recognition: Rev. Dr. Sumner Grant, retired Executive Director, MMBB Financial Services  
Welcome: Louis Barbarin, new Executive Director, MMBB Financial Services  
Congregational Hymn  
Presentation: Sparrowk President’s Award: Ruth Clark, President, ABCUSA Ministry of Music  
Recognition: First Baptist Church in America, Providence, RI: Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABCUSA; Ruth Clark, President, ABCUSA  
**Encountering**  
Scripture: John 3:8, 2 Cor. 3:12-18 (Emphasis: 12a, 17-18)  
Choir Anthem: “To Love Our God” by Mark Hayes  
Message: Rev. Matthew Sturtevant, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lawrence, KS  
**Responding**  
Congregational Hymn  
Offering our Resources: Rev. Dr. Judy Allbee, Executive Minister, ABC of Connecticut  
Offertory Music: Mark Hayes  
Imagining the 2015 Mission Summit/Biennial: Susan Gillies, Chair, 2015 Mission Summit/Biennial Planning Team  
Prayer of Dedication: Next Season of *Transformed by the Spirit*: Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABCUSA  
**Sending**  
Reflections: 2013 Mission Summit/Biennial  
Congregational Hymn  
Benediction: Rev. Roger Fredrikson, Sioux Falls, SD  
**Postlude:** Mark Hayes



**Chorus - "HALLELUJAH!"**

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## Mission Summit/Biennial Speakers



**Friday, June 21, 2013  
7:00 pm**

**Michelle Alexander** is a highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate, legal scholar,

and a former law clerk for Justice Harry Blackmun on the U.S. Supreme Court. She won a 2005 Soros Justice Fellowship and now holds a joint appointment at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Mortiz College of Law at Ohio State University. Alexander served for several years as director of the Racial Justice Project at the ACLU of Northern California, and subsequently directed the Civil Rights Clinics at Stanford Law School, where she was an associate professor. Her first book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, won the 42nd NAACP Image Award in 2011 for nonfiction and has been featured in national radio and television media including

*The Bill Moyers Journal* and *The Tavis Smiley Show*. Alexander has also appeared as a commentator on CNN, MSNBC and NPR.



**Saturday, June 22, 2013  
7:00 pm**

**Rev. Dr. Yam Kho Pau** is the general secretary of Myanmar Baptist Convention made up

of more than 1.3 million members. Dr. Pau is a graduate of the Myanmar Institute of Theology in Yangon. He was ordained to active ministry by the Kuki Chin Baptist Association and earned a Ph.D. in rural development from the Central Luzon State University in the Philippines. It is a great privilege to welcome Dr. Pau to the Mission Summit/Biennial in this year of celebrating the 200th anniversary of the arrival in Burma of Ann and Adoniram Judson, the first missionaries ever sent by American Baptists.



**Saturday, June 22, 2013  
7:00 pm**

**Rev. Dr. John Upton** is president of the Baptist World Alliance, having been elected

during the 20th Baptist World Congress in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 2010. He is also executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and the Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB). Between 1986 and 1991, Dr. Upton and his wife, Deborah, served as missionaries in Taiwan through the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Upton attended the Baptist-affiliated Averett College (now Averett University) in Danville, Virginia; the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; and the Taiwan Language Institute.



**Sunday, June 23, 2013  
7:00 pm**

**Rev. Matthew Sturtevant** serves as the senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrence,

Kansas. Sturtevant comes to Kansas from Central Illinois, the Land of the Fighting Illini, by way of Kentucky. He met and married his wife, Kimberly, there in 1998. They have an eight-year-old daughter, Addison, and a five-year-old son, Ethan. Sturtevant has been involved in ministry in Kentucky, South Carolina and Kansas. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. When he finds time, he follows Cubs baseball, college basketball and football, listens to bluegrass music, and spends time outdoors.

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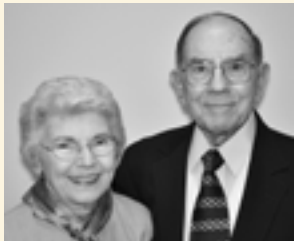
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This year in Overland Park, Kansas, 16 regions and AB Girls have sent 28 young people. They will not only observe the Mission Summit/Biennial, but will also serve as official Delegates from their regions and organizations.

Representatives will sit together during the plenary sessions, explore the Exhibit Hall, participate in the Mission Summit Conversations and business sessions, and engage in leadership development. We are grateful to Kara Lehman of Sioux Falls, South

Dakota, for coordinating this event and providing excellent curriculum.

The youth representatives are identified by royal blue ribbons attached to their Mission Summit/Biennial badges. Please welcome them!

### AB Girls

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### ABC of the Central Pacific Coast

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Jordan Wong

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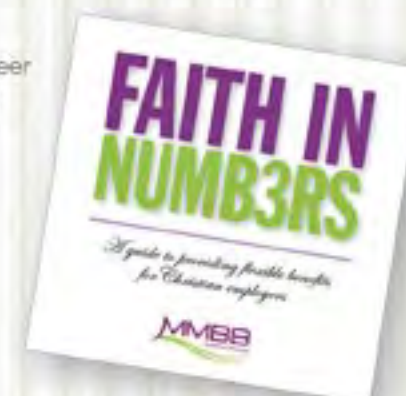
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Thursday – Sunday, June 20-23, 2013

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Thursday, June 20, 2013

**SAFEHOME** is Johnson County’s only comprehensive provider of services to victims of domestic violence and partner abuse. Volunteers must be 16 years or older. Possible volunteer duties may include sorting donations, indoor and outdoor clean-up and possible art and craft projects. Maximum number of volunteers is 10.

Thursday – Friday, June 20-21, 2013

**Habitat for Humanity, Kansas City** works to fulfill the dream of home ownership for low-income families in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Their goal is to provide decent, affordable homes to qualified families based on the principle found in Leviticus 25:35-37: “If a brother living near you becomes poor, you must provide for him...do not make a profit on the goods you sell him.” Opportunity is open to volunteers 16 years or older. Volunteers will work on a variety of building projects. Maximum number of volunteers is 25 for each day.

Thursday – Friday, June 20-21, and Monday, June 24, 2013

**Bethel Neighborhood Center** opened its doors on April 1, 1911, to serve immigrants from Eastern European countries living in the most impoverished part of Kansas City called the “West Bottoms.” The neighborhood has gone through many changes over

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**Prairie Global Mission Residence, Prairie Baptist Church** is a residence where international students attending Central Baptist Theological Seminary or visiting missionaries could find respite. Ten (10) volunteers, aged 13 years or older, are needed daily to assist with completing the construction of the residence.

Friday, June 21, 2013

**Grace Baptist Church, North Kansas City,** voted to become a “missional” church several years ago. With the vision to empower every person to have abundant life in Christ, their mission is to immerse every person in God’s love made visible in our words and actions. Youth and adult volunteers are needed to complete a variety of projects from working with the day care to assisting in the clothes closet. Maximum number of volunteers is 24.

**Christ the Servant, Olathe, KS**  
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Explanation: Rev. Wil Brown, Interim Director, Center for American Indians and Special Advisor to the President, Bacone College

Kiowa Prayer: Rev. Kathy Longhat, Director of American Indian Students Promise, Bacone College

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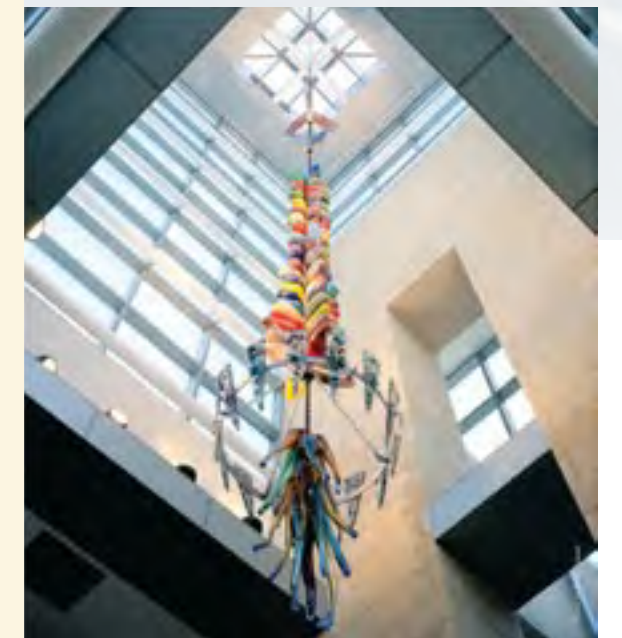
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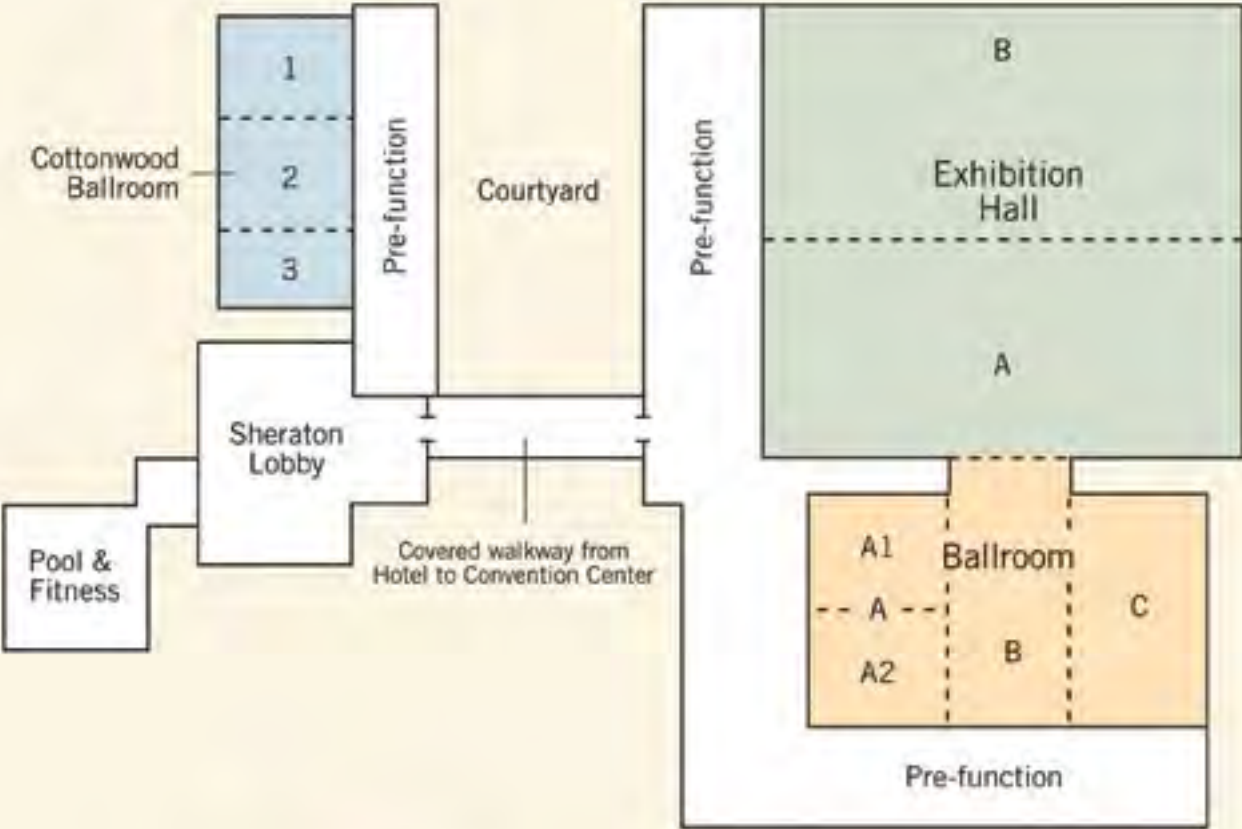
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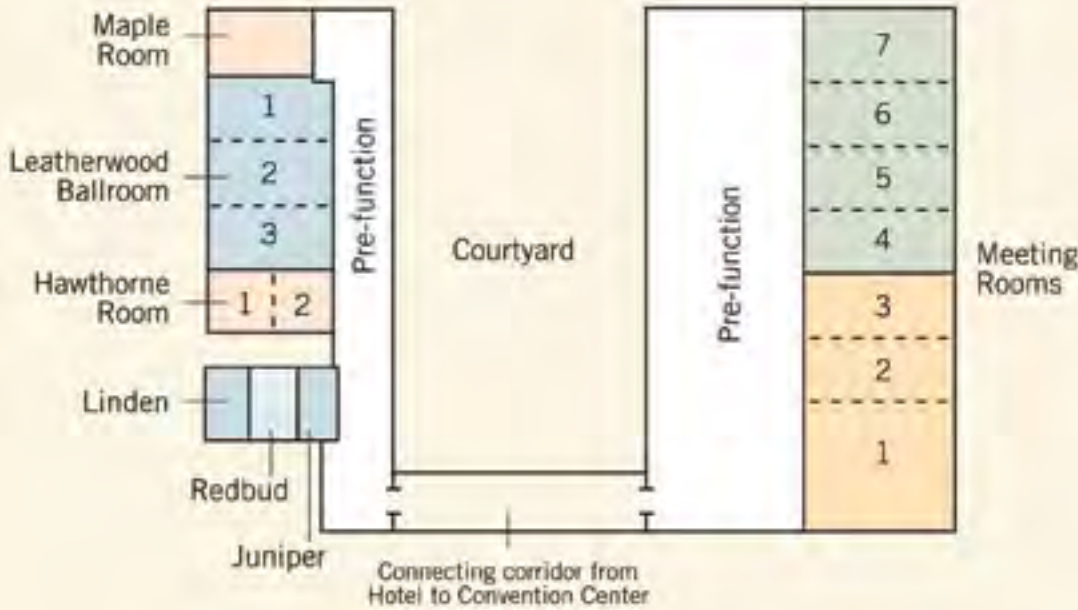




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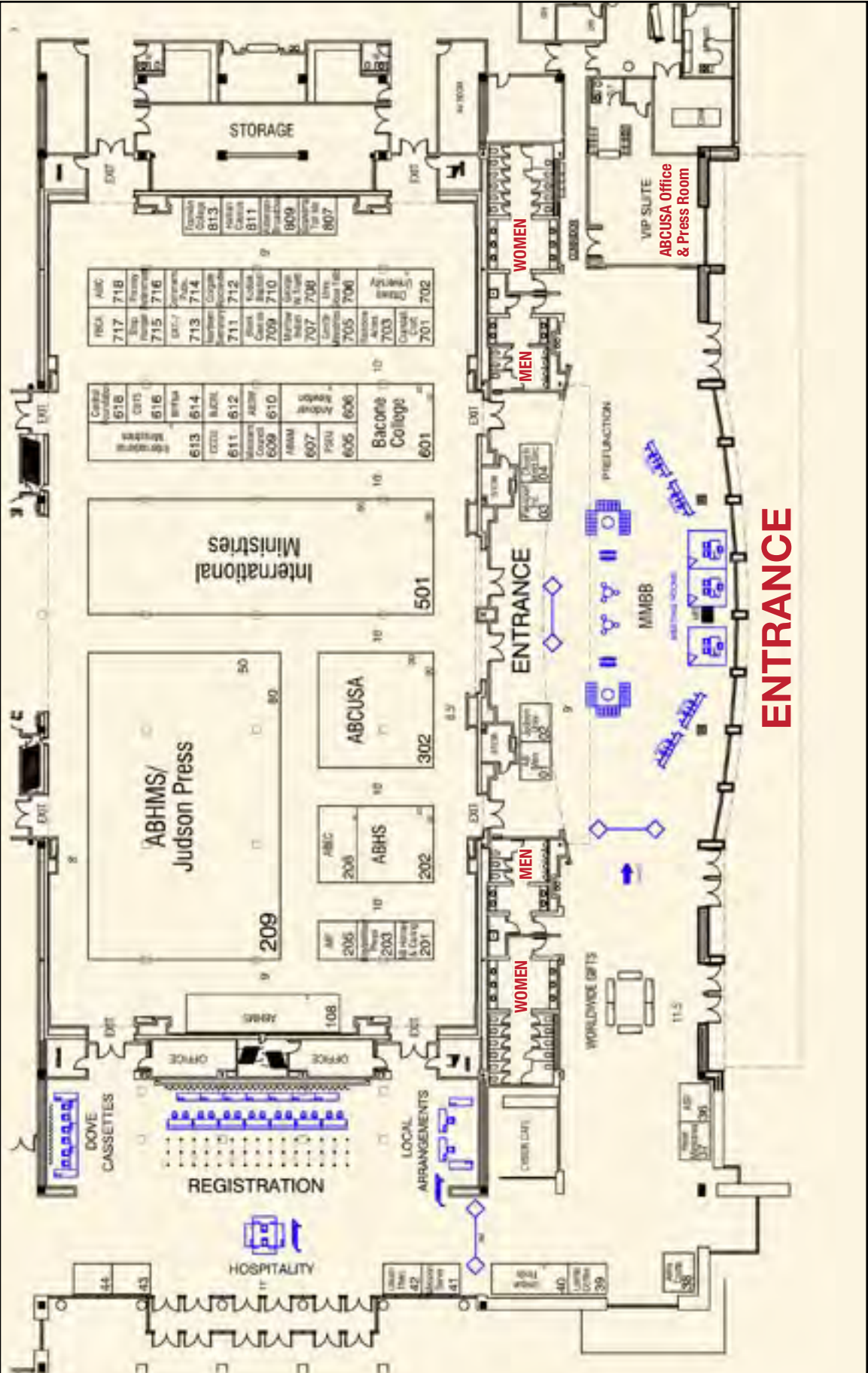
Friday, June 21	10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 22	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 23	9:00 am – 10:00 am 11:30 am – 5:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Only credit cards, checks or cash will be accepted as payment for registration and merchandise in the Exhibit Hall. **Debit cards will not be accepted.** However, there is an ATM machine at the top of the escalators.

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**Lost and Found:** Located at the Hospitality Area at the main entrance to the Overland Park Convention Center.

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**Messages:** A message board will be located next to the Hospitality Area at the main entrance to the Overland Park Convention Center.

**News Releases:** Copies are available in the Exhibit Hall at the ABCUSA exhibit (Booth 302).

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**Office Locations:** ABCUSA Mission Summit/Biennial Office and Media Office/ABCUSA Press Room: VIP Suite; Local Arrangements Committee: Next to Registration.

**Prayer Room:** Sheraton – Juniper Room.

**Public Transportation and Local Restaurants in Overland Park/ Kansas City:** The Hospitality Desk in the Registration Area will have information and schedules. A list of restaurants in the vicinity of the Convention Center will also be available.

**Regional Youth Representatives:** Chase Suite Hotel – Hardage Room.

**Shuttles:** American Baptist Churches USA will sponsor limited shuttles between hotels and the Overland Park Convention Center. Schedules will be posted in the Convention Center.

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